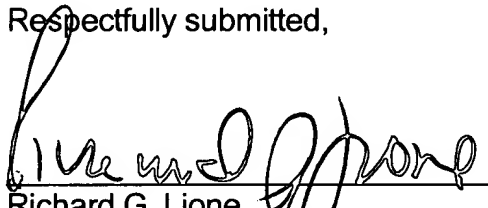


REMARKS

Please enter the foregoing amendment prior to continued examination.

On the subject of non-statutory double patenting, it is respectfully submitted that the claims at issue here are, in fact, patentably distinct from those of Application Serial No. 09/853,511. However, if a rejection on this basis is made final, applicant is prepared to file a suitable Terminal Disclaimer.

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